

Abstract

An optical fiber viewing assembly for an endoscope has a light guide with an elastically flexible portion and a substantially rigid pre-curved distal portion.

5 The viewing assembly is particularly suited for
traversing bends of relatively small radii in an
endotracheal breathing tube without scraping accumulated
biological material from the inner surface of the
breathing tube that could collect on the distal end of
10 the light guide and obscure the endoscopic view.

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